

***Acrobasis tumidana* (D.&S.) (Lep.: Pyralidae): 1996 records from south-east Kent**

Several scarce migrant species of Lepidoptera were recorded from the Dungeness area during 1996, but the most unprecedented event of the year involved the arrival over a 17-day period in August of 24 individuals of the species *Acrobasis tumidana*. These are summarised as follows: Greatstone, 5.viii.96 (2), (B. Banson); Dungeness, 9.viii.96 (D. Walker); New Romney, 11.viii.96 (K. Redshaw); New Romney, 12.viii.96 (KR); New Romney, 13.viii.96 (KR); Dungeness, 17.viii.96 (S.P. Clancy); Greatstone, 18.viii.96 (3) (BB); New Romney, 18.viii.96 (KR); Lydd, 18.viii.96 (KR); Greatstone, 19.viii.96 (2) (BB); Lydd, 19.viii.96 (SPC); Lydd, 19.viii.96 (KR); Dungeness, 19.viii.96 (3) (KR & SPC); Dungeness, 20.viii.96 (KR); Dungeness, 21.viii.96 (3) (KR); Dungeness, 22.viii.96 (SPC).

To put these records in perspective, Skinner (*Ent. Rec.* **107**: 241-243) lists all confirmed and unconfirmed records of this species to the end of 1994. These comprised 13 authentic and six unconfirmed twentieth-century records.

I would be interested to learn of any other records of this species to find out how widespread the 1996 *tumidana* invasion was.— S.P. CLANCY, “Delhi” Cottage, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, Kent TN29 9NE.

***Morophaga choragella* ([Denis and Schiffermüller, 1775])
(Lep.: Tineidae), its distribution and preferred diet in southern England**

I was interested to read Dr Alexander's note concerning the above species (Alexander 1996, *Br.J.Ent.Nat.Hist.* **9**: 165). I have been rearing tineids associated with fungi for about six years now and have encountered this moth on numerous occasions over this period. I feel that putting on record these occasions may add additional information to our knowledge of its present distribution and abundance, at least in south-east England, and hope that others will find this information useful for recording this large and attractive Tineid.

I first reared *M. choragella* from the bracket fungi *Ganoderma adspersum* and *Piptoporus betulinus* collected at Burnham Beeches near Slough, Berkshire (VC22) in October 1990 (total of a dozen examples) and again in March 1996 (several from the same species of fungi). Subsequently I have reared examples from larvae collected at the following localities:

Cockthorpe, Wells-next-the-Sea, West Norfolk (VC28), August 1991, two from *Ganoderma applanatum*; Hainault Forest, Chigwell Row, Essex (VC18, November 1992, one from *Fistulina hepatica*; Medmenham, Buckinghamshire (VC24), September 1994, one each from *Pseudotrametes gibbosa* and *Coriolus hirsutus*; Rufous Stone, New Forest, South Hampshire (VC11), March 1995, four from a huge colony